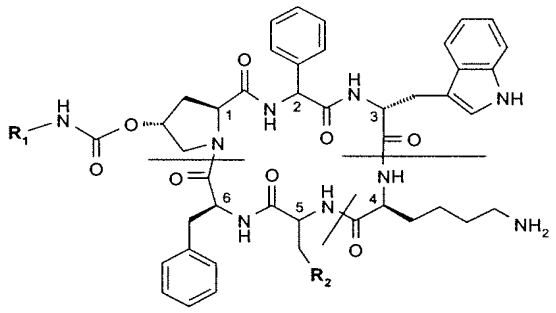
**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (original): A process for producing a compound of formula I

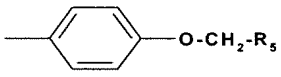


I

wherein

$R_1$ is $-C_{2-6}$alkylene-$NR_3R_4$ , $-C_{2-6}$alkylene–guanidine or- $C_{2-6}$alkylene-COOH wherein each of $R_3$ and $R_4$ independently is H, $C_{1-4}$alkyl, ω-hydroxy-$C_{2-4}$alkylene or acyl or $R_3$ and $R_4$ form together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached a heterocyclic group which may comprise a further heteroatom, and

$R_2$ is $Z_1$-$CH_2$-$R_5$, $-CH_2$-CO-O-$CH_2$-$R_5$,



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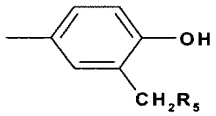
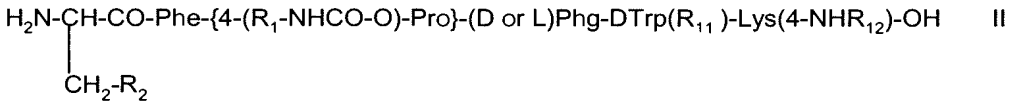


wherein $Z_1$ is O or S and $R_5$ is optionally substituted phenyl,

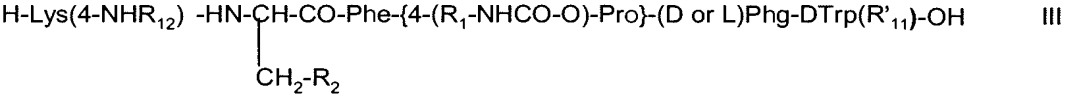
or a salt thereof,

comprising cyclizing a linear somatostatin analogue of formula II



II

or of formula III



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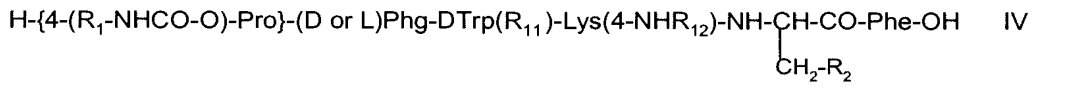
or of formula IV



IV

wherein $R_1$ and $R_2$ are as defined above,

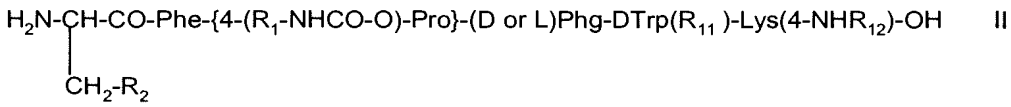
each of $R_{11}$ and $R_{12}$ , independently, is an amino protecting group

whereby when $R_1$ comprises a terminal $NH_2$, this terminal $NH_2$ is also protected by an amino protecting group,

and where required removing the protecting group(s),

and recovering a compound of formula I thus obtained in free form or in salt form.

2. (original): A process according to claim 1 comprising cyclizing a linear somatostatin analogue of formula II



II

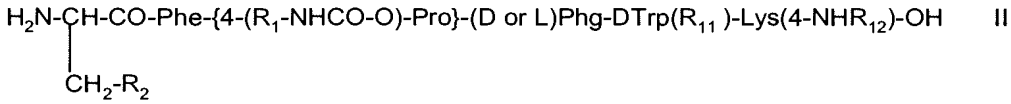
wherein $R_1$ is $-CH_2-CH_2-NR_3R_4$, $R_2$ is 4-benzyloxy-phenyl, and $R_3$, $R_4$, $R_{11}$ and $R_{12}$ are as defined in claim 1,

whereby when $R_1$ comprises a terminal $NH_2$, this terminal $NH_2$ is also protected by an amino protecting group,

and where required removing the protecting group(s),

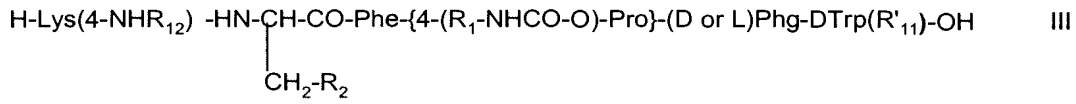
and recovering a compound of formula I thus obtained in free form or in salt form wherein $R_1$ is $-CH_2-CH_2-NR_3R_4$ and $R_2$ is 4-benzyloxy-phenyl.

3. (withdrawn): A compound of formula II



II

or of formula III



III

or of formula IV

H-{4-($R_1$-NHCO-O)-Pro}-(D or L)Phg-DTrp($R_{11}$)-Lys(4-NH$R_{12}$)-NH-CH($CH_2$-$R_2$)-CO-Phe-OH IV

wherein $R_1$ and $R_2$ are as defined in claim 1,
each of $R_{11}$ and $R_{12}$, independently, is an amino protecting group
whereby when $R_1$ comprises a terminal $NH_2$, this terminal $NH_2$ may also be protected by an amino protecting group,
or a salt thereof.

4. (withdrawn): A compound of formula II according to claim 3 wherein $R_1$ is $-CH_2-CH_2-NR_3R_4$, $R_2$ is 4-benzyloxy-phenyl and each of $R_{11}$ and $R_{12}$ , independently, is an amino protecting group, whereby when $R_1$ comprises a terminal $NH_2$, this terminal $NH_2$ may also be protected by an amino protecting group, or a salt thereof.

5. (withdrawn): A compound of formula II according to claim 3 which is selected from H-Tyr(Bzl)-Phe-(2S,4R)-4-(Boc-NH-$CH_2$-$CH_2$-NH-CO-O)-Pro-DPhg-DTrp(Boc)-Lys(Boc)-OH, H-Tyr(Bzl)-Phe-(2S,4R)-4-(Boc-NH-$CH_2$-$CH_2$-NH-CO-O)-Pro-Phg-DTrp-Lys(Boc)-OH and H-Tyr(Bzl)-Phe-(2S,4R)-4-(Boc-NH-$CH_2$-$CH_2$-NH-CO-O)-Pro-Phg-D-Trp(Boc)Lys(Boc)-OH or a salt thereof.

6. (withdrawn): A process for the production of a compound of formula II, III or IV as defined in claim 3, comprising linking together by an amide bond two peptide units, each of them containing at least one amino acid in protected or unprotected form, wherein the amide bond is in such a way that the desired amino acid sequence as defined in formula II, III or IV is obtained, and where required removing at least one protecting group,

and recovering a compound of formula II, III or IV thus obtained in free form or in salt form.